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GOVERNOR DAVIS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT TO VENTURA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 10/16/2002

SACRAMENTO

Governor Gray Davis today announced the appointment of Ventura County Superior Court Commissioner Manuel J. Covarrubias as a Judge of the Ventura County Superior Court.

Commissioner Covarrubias, 50, of Oxnard, presides over a family law calendar at the East County Court in Simi Valley. He handles all aspects of family law matters, from the filing of the complaint to law and motion disputes, settlement conferences, applications for emergency relief, temporary restraining orders, temporary support orders, and the trial of the case. He also handles small claims and traffic court cases one day each week. Appointed as a court commissioner in 1994, he served for many years as the child support commissioner for the Superior Court. He has also presided over a civil domestic violence calendar, where he handled hearings on applications for temporary and permanent restraining orders.

Commissioner Covarrubias began his legal career as an attorney with Channel Counties Legal Services from 1978 to 1981, representing indigent clients. In 1981 he opened his own law office in Oxnard, practicing family law, misdemeanor criminal defense, and civil litigation.

Commissioner Covarrubias is a past President of the Mexican American Bar Association of Ventura County. He presently serves as co-Chair of the Race and Ethnic Subcommittee of the Judicial Council of California Access and Fairness Advisory Committee. He has also been a member of the California Judges Association and Ventura County Bar Association.

Commissioner Covarrubias earned a bachelor of arts degree from Cal State Northridge, and a juris doctorate degree from Loyola Law School. He will receive a salary of \$139,476. Commissioner Covarrubias fills the vacancy in the new position on the Superior Court.
